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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Application of Golden State Water Company (U133W) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct and Operate a Water System in Sutter County, California; and to establish Rates for Public Utility Water Service in Sutter County, California.

Application 08-08-022
(Filed August 29, 2008)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING RESETTING FINAL ORAL ARGUMENT BEFORE THE COMMISSION

On November 16, 2011, a Joint Request for Final Oral Argument was filed by the applicant in the above-captioned proceeding Golden State Water Company (Applicant), County of Sutter and Sutter County Water Agency (collectively the County), Sutter Pointe Landowners/Developers (Sutter Pointe Developers), and the Robbins Ad-Hoc Committee (Robbins) (collectively the Joint Parties) to present the merits of the Joint Parties' Settlement Agreement in the above-captioned proceeding. On the same day, the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA) also filed its request for a final oral argument to present its opposition to the Commission's approval of the Joint Parties' Settlement Agreement.

On December 6, 2011, a ruling granting those requests pursuant to Pub. Util. Code § 1701.3(d) and Rule 8(d) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure was issued, and a final oral argument was scheduled for

January 17, 2012. That final oral argument had to be rescheduled since and is now being reset as follows.

1. Date and Location

Final Oral Argument before the Commission is reset and shall be held:

Wednesday, February 15, 2012

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Commission Auditorium

505 Van Ness Avenue

San Francisco, California

2. Final Oral Argument

The parties who participated in the evidentiary hearings in this proceeding and timely filed the request for final oral argument will be afforded the opportunity to participate in the final oral argument. These parties are the Joint Parties, including the Applicant, and DRA.

Final oral argument shall be conducted as follows. Because Applicant has the burden of proof, the Applicant will open and close the final oral argument. Parties should understand that the time allocations listed below include the time necessary for any questions that the Commissioners may ask during the parties' presentations. Thus, parties are advised to leave adequate time during the allotted time for potential questions by the Commissioners.

| Event | Time |
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| Call to Order, Introductions and Appearances | 10 minutes |
| Opening Argument by Applicant | 30 minutes |
| Opening Argument by Joint Parties Other Than Applicants (County, Sutter Pointe Developers, and Robbins must allocate the time amongst themselves) | 15 minutes |
| Opening Argument By DRA | 45 minutes |
| Closing Argument by Applicant (Applicant may waive its closing argument or defer its time to another party) | 10 minutes |
| Any Final Remarks and Adjournment | 10 minutes |

3. Handouts and Briefing Boards

Parties may distribute any updates to the previously submitted handouts or use briefing boards¹ at the final oral argument consistent with the following limitations:

- Parties shall distribute copies of all handouts or briefing boards they plan to use, or updates or supplements to such documents they previously submitted to the Administrative Law Judge and other parties by or before 5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2012, two business days before the final oral argument;

¹ The time limitations prevent the convenient use of overhead projectors by the parties.

- Parties shall be prepared to provide all such copies of handouts sufficient for the Commission and all others attending the final oral argument;
- Parties planning to use a briefing board shall also provide copies of the briefing board in reduced format sufficient for the Commission and all others attending the final oral argument;
- Parties planning to use handouts or briefing boards must include in them specific citations to record evidence clearly supporting any factual assertions;
- All pages and points should be numbered for ease of reference and to facilitate an understanding of the resulting transcript; and
- Handouts and briefing boards will not be received as exhibits.

IT IS RULED that:

1. The Commission shall hold final oral argument at the following location and time:

Wednesday, February 15, 2012
1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Commission Auditorium
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, California

2. The schedule for the final oral argument is as follows, and the parties shall adhere to the timeframes set forth below:

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| Opening Argument by Applicant | 30 minutes |
| Opening Argument by Joint Parties Other Than Applicants (County, Sutter Pointe Developers, and Robbins must allocate the time amongst themselves) | 15 minutes |
| Opening Argument By DRA | 45 minutes |
| Closing Argument by Applicant (Applicant may waive its closing argument or defer its time to another party) | 10 minutes |
| Any Final Remarks and Adjournment | 10 minutes |

3. Parties shall distribute copies of all handouts or briefing boards they plan to use, or updates or supplements to such documents they previously submitted to the Administrative Law Judge and other parties by or before 5:00 p.m. on February 13, 2012, two business days before the final oral argument, and otherwise comply with the general handouts and briefing boards requirements set forth in section 3 of this ruling.

Dated January 30, 2012, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ KIMBERLY H. KIM

Kimberly H. Kim
Administrative Law Judge